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Greetings...

As a long time computer user (since '82) and software developer (since '85), I have been extremely bothered and dismayed at the methods that Microsoft has utilized in its business practices. However, because of the combination of Microsoft's massive pocketbook and their ability to intimidate others within the industry, it seemed the the only relief from Microsoft's tactics lay with the anti-trust efforts of the US Govt and the various states. When Microsoft was found guilty of predatory monopolistic behavior, Judge Jackson's original solution was right on target for what was deserved and needed to remedy the actions of Microsoft.

After this valid punishment was overturned on a technicality, an settlement was proposed which does nothing but provide Microsoft with a slap on the wrist and a promise to "go forth and sin no more". This is the same "punishment" that Microsoft received in '94.. after which they went out and obliterated Netscape from the Internet, held PC makers hostage to their demands for the desktop and threatened Apple Computer with actions that would have destroyed Apple unless Apple played the game the Microsoft way.

Microsoft has truly proven itself to be a company that cannot be trusted, despite all of Bill Gates' "aw-shucks" mannerisms and speeches. This is a company that choses to not play by the rules or behave like a responsible corporate citizen. Just like with any other individual who continually operates outside the rules, the Federal and State governments MUST PUNISH Microsoft in a way that is comenserate with their crimes.

The proposed settlement does not in any way begin to match what the court documents clearly show that Microsoft deserves. It should be thrown out and a new plan devised that exacts from Microsoft the punishment it deserves.

Thank you.

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Sometimes this place reminds me of a really good "Dilbert" cartoon.  
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